NEON GALAXY

PREMISE

The year is 2222, and the world looks different. It's broken into pieces, and most people scrape out a humble living on asteroids, getting around in plant-powered spaceships. Only the luckiest get to live in the **Megacity,** a huge, idyllic space station. The only entertainment for most people in the galaxy are concerts, performed by celebrity bands (the most famous of which is **Gleam**) and beamed out from the Megacity into the sky.

Sisters **Coral** and **Amber** live on an asteroid with their Dad, who is often gone on deep-space fishing expeditions. All Coral has ever wanted is to be in a band and to take her family to the Megacity. Gleam is holding a contest looking for new members, but without instruments, costumes, and a spaceship, it would be impossible for her to enter. Until...

The sisters find a **mysterious swarm of nanobots named TES** that can turn into nearly anything, and that for some reason only respond to them. Coral realizes this is the ticket to achieving her dreams. Responsible Amber comes along to take care of her sister as they steal an ice cream delivery spaceship...and start the solar system's newest girl group, **Neon Galaxy**!

Episodes are character focused, exploring the sibling relationship between Coral and Amber, as well as the friendships they form with their bandmates, street-smart **Blu** and bubbly **Indigo**. Musical performances are a big part of the story as Coral develops her talent and works the spotlight. It's a show that can delve into themes familiar to kids today - **discovering your identity through fashion and performance, sibling dynamics, trying to find friendship in a chaotic world** - while the tone stays exciting, dramatic, and fun.

The show will slowly explore the unique setting, which draws inspiration from *The Fifth Element* and (the good episodes) of *Doctor Who* and *Black Mirror*, while the story combines the stylishness of *Cowboy Bebop* with the emotions of movies like *Josie and the Pussycats* and *Perfect Blue.*

The world can be big and scary, but there's always room to find beauty and creativity! The setting is visually exciting, and there are mysteries to unravel, but the focus of the story will always be on **character growth, relationship conflicts, dazzling performances**, and **big feelings!**

AMBER

Amber is **hypercompetent, responsible**, and **deeply loyal**. She's often stressed out by the adventures Coral drags her into, and she can be **critical** and **blunt**, but she loves her big sister and would do anything for her. Amber **acts tough**, but she notices everything and everyone and has a lot of **quiet intense feelings**.

Amber has always looked out for Coral. Sure, she's in Coral's shadow - but she likes it there. She plays drums in Neon Galaxy and is our point-of-view character for the show.

Amber's stories will always come down to establishing herself as an individual: **what does she want for herself**? What would it be like to be in the spotlight?

Amber's dream is even simpler that Coral's: she's gonna help Coral do whatever she wants. Her big sister is kinda crazy, but she's the center of Amber's universe. And if Coral's star rises, Amber will come with her. Coral needs her.

Responsible. Supportive. Smart.
Skeptical. Blunt. Repressed.

Bulb is Amber's pet. She's a sentient orchid who loves sunlight, spits poison when cornered, and likes to snuggle.

CORAL

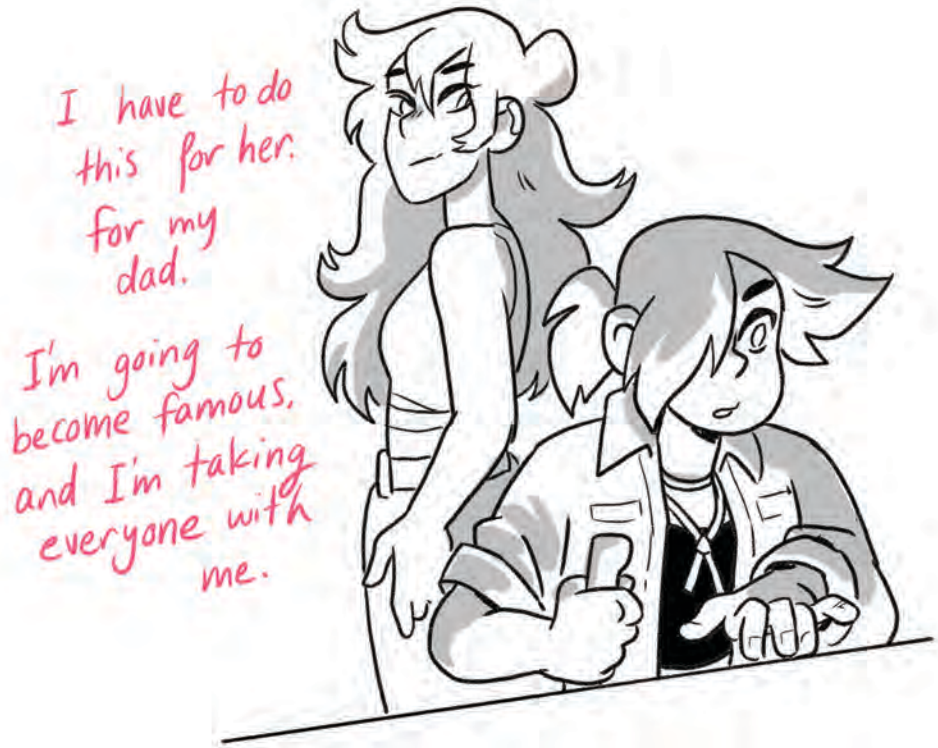
Coral is **ambitious, charismatic,** and **high energy**. **Quick to make friends** and **full of passion**, she has big dreams and nothing will get in her way! She is the inspiring leader of the band Neon Galaxy. However, her single-minded focus can turn into **selfishness.** She is justice-minded and will help people out...but only when she notices them.

Coral has a chronic illness and has to take daily medicine; this makes her little sister Amber overprotective of her, and makes Coral **determined to prove her independence.**

Her personal stories will always come down to a central question: **fame or friends?** Will she achieve success and leave behind the people she loves, or will she choose her community?

Coral's dream at the beginning is very simple: she's gonna become a famous singer-songwriter, she's gonna take Amber and their dad with her, and everything will be good. Fame and fortune and glamour …she'll never look back.

Inspirational. Passionate. Courageous. Impulsive. Self-focused. Mercurial.

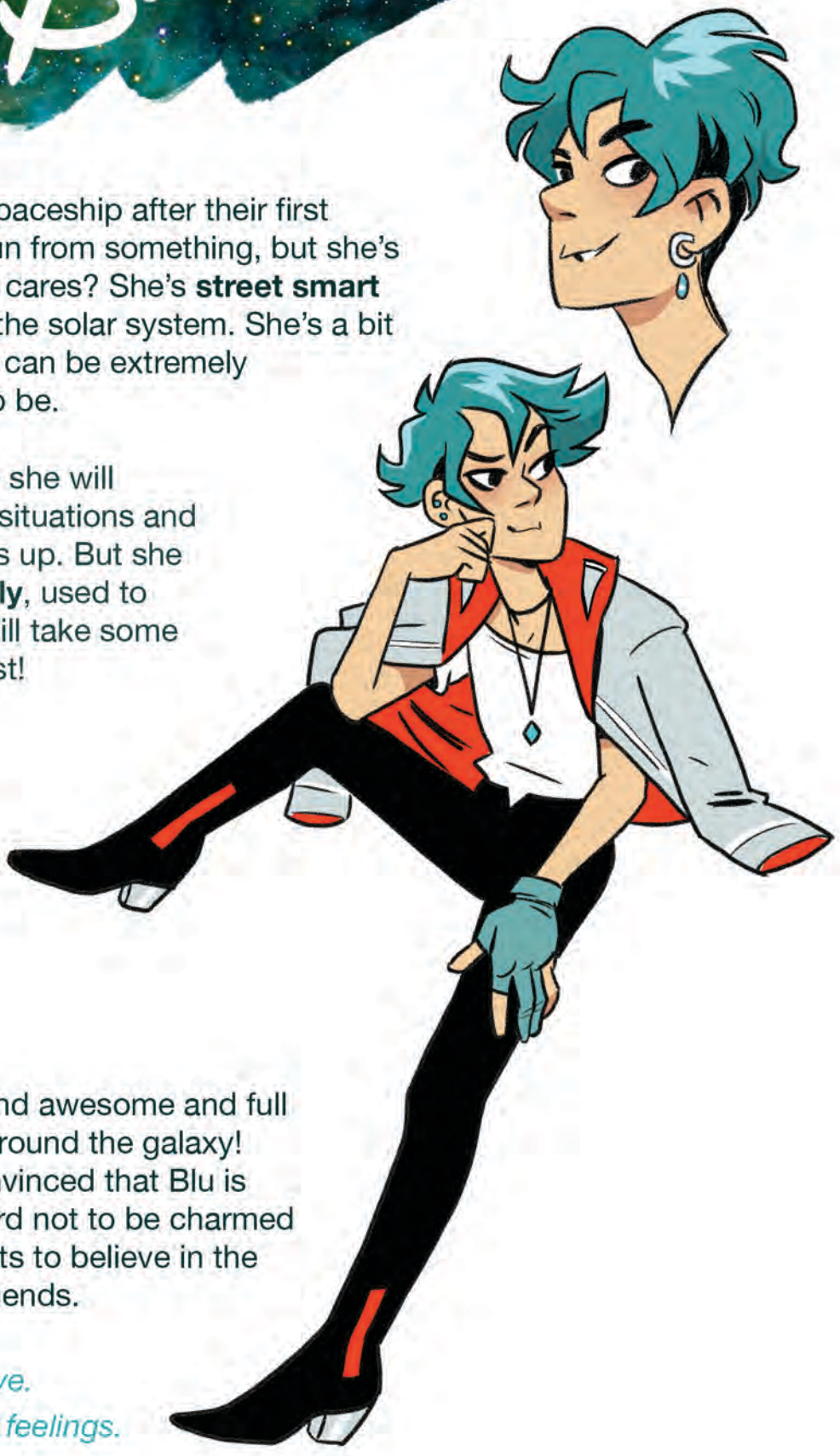


People always notice my big sister first. That's okay.
When Mom was around, she said I needed to watch out for Coral.
And that's what I do! That's my job.

Coral and Amber's **Mom** disappeared years ago. She was a technological genius and you can bet this will come up later in the show!

Their **Dad** is often gone on deep-space fishing expeditions, so the girls are used to looking out for each other...but he's nonetheless embarrassingly supportive of their goals! He often video calls them in the middle of shows to say he's proud of them.

BLU



Blu stows away on their spaceship after their first show. She might be on the run from something, but she's also a great guitarist, so who cares? She's **street smart** and has been everywhere in the solar system. She's a bit of a **twitchy know-it-all**, but can be extremely **charming** when she wants to be.

Blu is **bold** in some ways - she will throw herself into dangerous situations and is always ready to blow things up. But she can be **closed off emotionally**, used to being alone in the world...it will take some real friendship to gain her trust!

Blu's big question is always: **will she stay?** Will she give the members of Neon Galaxy a chance to become her true friends, or will she just treat it as a convenient way to outrun her past?

Coral thinks Blu is funny and awesome and full of helpful advice for getting around the galaxy! Amber is less impressed, convinced that Blu is a con artist, and tries very hard not to be charmed by her. Eventually, as Blu starts to believe in the band, they'll become close friends.

Charming. Clever. Brave.
Chaotic. Trust issues. Bad at feelings.

Indigo

Indigo at first only contacts Coral and Amber virtually, sending them fanmail and sketches of costume suggestions. Her **creative talent** and **wild imagination** inspire Neon Galaxy, and they add her to the band as a backup singer and costume designer! Indigo is an **unfailing optimist** and is **curious about everything**. She is a bit **naive** and **impulsive**, so she can sometimes get into trouble, but her friends are always there to help her out.

When they finally meet her in person, she tells them that her wealthy family all decided she was a boy when she was born, but she's actually a girl. She wants to leave home so that she can **pursue her dreams** and be her **authentic self**!

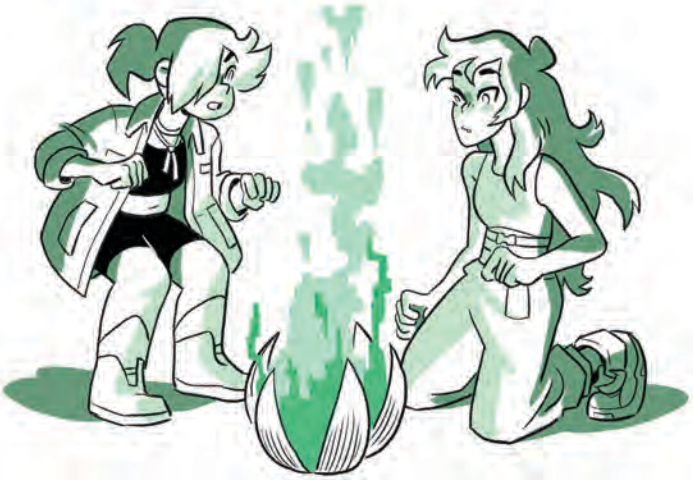
Indigo's stories often revolve around her insistence that **everything is good all the time**. Will she be able to be there for people when times are hard? She'll grow, become more responsible, and realize her own strength and bravery... although she'll never lose her eccentric nature!

Coral connects with her instantly - they have a lot in common and they often get into crazy adventures together. Of course, this makes Amber a little jealous...it takes her a while to warm up to Indigo, but when she does she's super protective of her. Indigo is charmed by Blu...but a little scared of her, too!

Creative. Optimistic. Exciting.
Naive. Indecisive. Impractical.

TES

The show begins with Coral and Amber opening a mysterious box full of nanobots that identify themselves as **TES**. The bots can assemble to look like nearly anything, and they transform into Neon Galaxy's costumes and instruments. They're programmed only to respond to Coral and Amber, though no one knows why.



TES is not just a helpful tool, though. Allowed to exist without a direct mission, they begin to develop a group consciousness and personality. They experiment with emotion and expression, always studying the humans around them. They are **chaotic, playful,** with a **childlike sense of wonder in the world.**

No one has ever seen technology like this before…and it seems like whoever made TES wants them back.

f8

As Neon Galaxy seeks attention and fame, they often find themselves competing against the boy band **f8**! Their lead singer, **Aris**, has a competitive nature that is matched only by Coral's ambition.

Caster is the brains of the group, always ready to hatch a plan or deliver a cutting insult.

Polox is generally good natured, and an incredible dancer who awes the crowds at their shows.

f8 (pronounced 'Fate') are sometimes adversaries of Neon Galaxy - they have awesome musical battles over territory and good gigs. When they find themselves working together, though, they'll realize that they have more in common than they thought!

GLEAM

GLEAM is the most popular band in the galaxy! Their concerts are beamed into the sky so everyone can see them and they're universally adored. They consist of five members, but are opening their ranks for a sixth. **Chromatica** is their leader.

In the beginning of the show, GLEAM is very aspirational to Coral and her friends. As the characters learn more about them, however, they start to see that they have totally sold out - their songs are full of hidden ads for sponsors and their music is used to distract and hypnotize people. GLEAM and their sinister manager, **Baron V** (and his bumbling assistant, **Gary**), will eventually become the antagonists of the show as they try to take down the runaway success of Neon Galaxy.

Setting

Long ago, a cataclysmic event broke the earth into pieces. Humanity would have been doomed, except that the **Gardeners** - a caretaking race of aliens - showed up and helped them develop plant-based technology to survive. Gardeners are very rarely seen these days…although they can look exactly like humans if they want to, so who really knows?

Most people live on the broken pieces of earth, where they scrape out a humble living. All the wealthiest and most fortunate people live in **the Megacity**, a giant space station and an idyllic, massive city.

People on asteroids don't have time for entertainment, and just watch whatever is beamed out from the Megacity. Seeing Neon Galaxy perform live music is a rare and exciting treat for people!

the Show

The show will follow Coral, Amber, Blu, and Indigo as they compete to join Gleam, travel the solar system, book musical gigs, and occasionally deliver ice cream (they don't really want to, but every time they park their candy-colored ship kids run up screaming for sweets). They become better as a band as their friendships grow stronger and TES grows more intelligent and powerful.

Things aren't all fun and music, though. Neon Galaxy is being pursued by **Seville**, a mysterious agent who wants to get ahold of TES. Seville is very buttoned up and square and often fails at infiltrating the cool underground concerts where the girls play..but she's clever too, and seems to enjoy the cat-and-mouse game of the hunt.

Where did TES come from, and why does she only respond to Coral and Amber?

Who is Seville working for?

What if GLEAM isn't as perfect as they seem?

Where did Coral and Amber's Mom go?

And most importantly, will Neon Galaxy be able to stick together through conflict, arguments, and - hardest of all - success?

Neon Galaxy is a show about the family you're born with, and **the family you find**. It explores what happens when you leave the little bubble of the place you grew up, begin to meet new people, and **discover your own identity**. At its heart, it's about **collaboration**; friends working together, sharing the spotlight, and supporting each other.

Whether the characters are following their dreams, don't know what their dreams are yet, or discover they need new dreams, it's a show about **aspirations**. It's about how important it is to keep making art in a world that can be dark and scary, and **how you can find beauty wherever you go**.

But mostly, Neon Galaxy is a show about connections, and how finding the right group of friends can make magic happen!